

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of monitoring flow in a flow pipe, the method comprising:

providing a flow pipeline having
a photon detector at a first position on the periphery of said pipe,
a first photon source at a second position on the periphery of said pipe, said
detector and first source defining a first chord across said pipe, and
one or more additional photon sources at positions on the periphery of said
pipe defining one or more additional chords across said pipe, wherein the first photon source
and the one or more additional photon sources are of different photon energies;
determining the density across said first chord from the count rate detected
from the first source by the detector; and
determining the densities across said one or more additional chords from the
count rate detected from the one or more additional sources by the detector, wherein the
additional chords are chosen to have successively decreasing length across said pipe relative
to said first chord.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein the first source is
diametrically opposite the detector.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
flow is a mixed flow comprising at least two phases including a solid phase, said method
further comprising:

determining the deposition of solid in the pipe from the relative densities
across said first chord and said one or more additional chords.

4. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the
flow is a mixed flow comprising at least two phases including a solid phase, said method
further comprising:

determining the average phase fraction of solid in the pipe from the densities across said first chord and said one or more additional chords.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 5 1 wherein the first photon source and one or more additional photon sources are of successively decreasing photon energies.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the photon sources are chemical isotope sources.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the detector is positioned at the uppermost point on the periphery of the pipe and the first source is positioned at the bottommost point on the periphery of the pipe.

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 comprising positioning the detector, the first source and the one or more additional sources on the exterior surface of the pipeline.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the one or more additional sources comprise one or more pairs of identical gamma ray sources, each said pair of sources being positioned on the periphery of the pipe such that the chords across the pipe defined by each member of the pair with the detector are approximately of equal length, the average hold-up being determined from the average value of the densities across said chords.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the one or more additional sources comprise at least one pair of non-identical sources positioned on the circumference of said pipe, such that the chords across the pipe defined by each member of the pair with the detector are approximately of equal length, the asymmetric deposition of solid in the pipe being determined from the relative density values determined across the chords defined by each member of the pair with the detector.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the photon detector is a gamma ray detector.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the first and the one or more additional sources are positioned one the periphery of the pipe successively closer to the detector.

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus for monitoring flow in a flow pipe comprising:

a photon detector adapted for attachment at a first point on the periphery of said pipe;

a first photon source adapted for attachment at the periphery of said pipe opposite the detector, said detector and first source defining a first chord across said pipe;

one or more additional photon sources adapted for attachment at positions on the periphery of said pipe successively closer to the detector, said detector and one or more additional sources defining one or more additional chords across said pipe, wherein the first photon source and the one or more additional photon sources are of different photon energies; and

a processor adapted to determine the densities across said first and one or more additional chords of the pipe as a function of the count rate detected by the detector from the first and one or more additional sources, respectively.

15. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 14 wherein the detector, the first source and the additional sources are adapted for attachment to the exterior surface of a pipeline.

16. (Currently amended) An apparatus for monitoring flow in a pipe comprising:

a flow pipe having:

a photon detector adapted for attachment at a first point on the periphery of said pipe;

a first photon source adapted for attachment at the periphery of said pipe opposite the detector, said detector and first source defining a first chord across said pipe;

one or more additional photon sources adapted for attachment at positions on the periphery of said pipe successively closer to the detector, said detector and one or more additional sources defining one or more additional chords across said pipe, wherein the first

photon source and the one or more additional photon sources are of different photon energies;
and

a processor adapted to determine the densities across said first and one or more additional chords of the pipe as a function of the count rate detected by the detector from the first and one or more additional sources, respectively.

17. (Currently amended) A method of monitoring flow in a pipeline comprising:

Providing a mixed flow pipeline having:

a photon detector at a first position on the periphery of said pipe,
a first photon source at a second position on the periphery of said pipe, said detector and first source defining a first chord across said pipe, and

one or more additional photon sources at positions on the periphery of said pipe defining one or more additional chords across said pipe, wherein the first photon source and the one or more additional photon sources are of different photon energies;

determining the density across said first chord from the count rate detected from the first source by the detector; and

determining the densities across said one or more additional chords from the count rate detected from the one or more additional sources by the detector, wherein the additional chords are chosen to have successively decreasing length across said pipe relative to said first chord.

18. (Canceled)